



Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes

September 14, 1930 - January 12, 2022

Opelousas - Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at a 10:00 AM Mass of

Christian Burial at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas for Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes, age 91,

who died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family and caregivers, Wednesday, January 12, 2022

The Lastrapes family will receive visitors at the church on the morning of the funeral from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Interment will follow in Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery in Bellevue, Louisiana.

Philip was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Mrs. Eula Boyance Lastrapes, and a sister, Lou Ledoux.

Survivors include his four children, Philbert Kirk (Joni) of New Orleans, LA, David Brian of Opelousas,

LA, Lori Ann of Opelousas, LA, and Byron Neil of Orlando, FL, one sister, Gloria Taylor (Acadia St.

Landry Nursing Home), three grandchildren, Kescheler Hayes of Houston, TX, Kirk Thomas of

Lafayette, LA, Alyssa Marie of New Orleans, LA., and two great grandchildren.

Philip was born in Opelousas, Louisiana on September 14, 1930. He was the only son of three children

born to Boniface and Louisa Lastrapes.

Philip graduated from Holy Ghost High School in 1950 and enlisted in the Army from 1954-1956 where

he served as Surveyor. Subsequent to his military service, Philip attended Xavier University in New

Orleans and graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Arts in 1954 and then a Masters in Education from

Louisiana State University in 1959.

Philip was an educator in St Landry Parish for 32 years. He began his educational career as an

Industrial Arts teacher, a Mathematics teacher and a Guidance Counselor at the former Charles Drew

High School in Eunice, LA. He later moved to Eunice High School, then Washington Vocational

Education Center where he continued to reach many young minds in Counseling and Industrial Arts. He

retired from his education career at Sunset High School as a Guidance Counselor in 1986.

Beyond his educational endeavors, Philip was a skilled carpenter and draftsman. Many of the homes

and small businesses in Opelousas were designed and/or drawn by Philip. Something that made him

especially proud was that he and his father built the house he raised his family in.

A constant theme in Philip's life was service. He was a member of several organizations: American

Association of Retired Persons, Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, American Legion, Knights of

Peter Claver Council #8, Inseparable Friends and Benevolent Society, Lafayette Area Football

Association, Board of Directors of Holy Trinity Villa, and Holy Ghost Catholic

Church.

Pallbearers will be Marlo Lastapes, Bruce Lastrapes, Kenneth Boyance, Tony Boyance, Darin

Lastapes, and Donnie Lastrapes.

Honorary Pallbarers are Michael Brisco, Melvin Lastrapes, Jr.,

The Lastrapes family extends a heartfelt appreciation to Philip's caregivers:
Mr. Stafford Mills, Ms.

Diamond Jackson, and Ms. Connie Pierre-Auguste, and the nurses and
caregivers with Heart of

Hospice for the endless hours and countless moments of compassion,
kindness, and support given.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,
337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Rhodes+Brito Architects, Orlando FL purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes.*



Rhodes+Brito Architects, Orlando FL - January 20, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes.*



January 19, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Cleco Cajun Operations Center -TEOD Dept purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mr. Philip Thomas Lastrapes.*



Cleco Cajun Operations Center -TEOD Dept - January 19, 2022 at 10:50 AM

LW

“ *Mr. Lastrapes was my guidance counselor at Charles Drew High. He advised me to:*

*Attend Xavier University
Major in Accounting
Work for an oil company*

I did all three. Thank you Mr. Lastrapes, for guiding me to a great life.

Lee Anna Leday Washington

Lee Anna Leday Washinngton - January 18, 2022 at 12:32 PM

GG

“ *Lori, I extend my deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dear father. The beautiful tribute speaks volumes of his life well-lived and the man he was. Austin was fond of your dad and often spoke of him. Additionally, he was happy to meet you through our neighbors, the Thibodeauxs.*



*Gernice Winn Guidry
Lewisburg*

Gernice Winn Guidry - January 17, 2022 at 09:03 AM

IM

“ *Sending my sincerest sympathy to the family.*

Irene Murphy - January 15, 2022 at 10:05 PM

EM

“ The family of Mr. Lastrapes have my prayers. This Elsie Mayon, the manager of Holy Trinity Villa when your father was a board member for years with me and after he left he stayed friend and always when he saw me he would ask me well" how are things going" and would laugh and told me you got it. A great man to know. will never forget him and as for our Residents will not either. He fought hard to get our Residents the things that they need to make their lives better at an apartment complex. Thank you .

elsie mayon - January 15, 2022 at 01:26 AM

ES

“ My condolences to the family rip 🙏



Elnora Simien - January 14, 2022 at 10:47 AM

VS

My condolences to the family rip.

Vincent D. Stelly - January 16, 2022 at 11:58 AM

AD

The Sonnier Family sends Condolences To The Family. He and Our Pop were Friends for Years. Now They Can Enjoy Each Other With GOD For Eternity. Praying For the Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Anne Taylor (Anthoine Sonnier Daughter) - January 17, 2022 at 03:17 PM